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DASTARDLY ASSAULT ON WOMAN NEAR ALBUQUERQUE BY TWO THUGS

POSSES SEARCHING FOR MEN WHO COMMITTED FEARFUL CRIME

SHOULD THEY BE CAPTURED IN-DIGNANT CITIZENS MAY WREAK VENGEANCE

Albuquerque, N. M., June 25 .- One of the most horrible deeds in the criminal annals of New Mexico was last night, when two Mexicans, both showed her the light in the Abajo telof whom were intexicated, intercepted egraph office. They directed her to Mr. and Mrs. Goldey Marjoribanks, of San Marcial, who were on their way tion and then go and release her hus to Albuquerque, after stepping off a band from the box car. Santa Fe freight train at Abajo, three miles out of town, and at the point prisoner for an hour, while the two fiends took the woman a mile and bed and assaulted her.

which the men executed the outrage is almost unbelievable.

Tells Horrifying Story

Her slight frame convulsed with hysterical sobs and almost out of her mind from the terrible treatment to which she was subjected, Mrs. Marjorianks last night told her story to Under Sheriff Fred Heyn and Policeman Will Marquette, who rushed to the scene of the crime when news of it had been telephoned to the city. According to Mrs. Marjoribanks, she and her ausband boarded Santa Fe freight train No. \$54 at San Marcial vesterday agon, arriving at Augin at 8:45 last night. They left the caboose about a half mile south of the telegraph office at Abajo, and had proceeded several hundred yards in the direction of Albuquerque when they were commanded to stop by too natives, one of whom held a large gun in his hand. Both men rauro

sented themselves as Santa Fe of5ers and inquired what business Mr. ind Mrs. Marjoribanks had in the yards. The explanation that they were strangers and had only arrived a few moments before on a freight train which was still standing on the track, was waived aside by the self-styled officers. They declared the woman and her husband under arrest. Pointing a gun at the man, they told him to pile into a box car and bolted and locked the door after him. They then turned to the woman and told her they would have to take her to jail as a trespasser. She declined to go and demanded to see their badges. One of the men replied that he had a star and that he would show her a thousand stars if she didn't get a move on and go where he told her to go GOOD THEIR ESCAPE The men then took her forcibly by the arms and started with her to wards the sandhills, over a half mile from the track. Pushing and shoving her when she refused to go any further, and leading her through swamps and ditches, the trio finally reached the foothills. They climbed LYNCHING NOT IMPROBABLE quite a distance into the hills, #nally coming to a halt near the powder house owned by the McIntosh Hardware company. Here the fiends robb-ed the woman of her money, six dollars in all, a gold watch, and other trinkets of small value. They then tore most of her clothes from her body and both men assaulted her. After being held captive for over an hour, the brutes escorted Mrs. Majorcommitted between 9 and 10 o'clock | ibanks to the foot of the hills, and keep the light in front of her and black hand letters sent through the keep going until she found the sta-Operator Gave Alarm

of a revolver forced the man to climb banks stumbled into the little tele- the Macket block in West Las Veinto a box car, where he was held graph office at Abajo and asked for a drink of water. Operator Front gave her the water and noticing her condition, inquired as to the cause. a half distant to the McIntosh powder She briefly explained what had ochouse in the sandhills and there rob- curred and the operator quickly tele- tion as presented by Margarito Rophoned to Albuquerque for assist-The boldness and ferocity with ance. A small posse, consisting of Watchman Newman of the Abaio men went out into the yards and the general opinion of those who her body was found with signs of has always maintained a fatherly inmade a search for Mr. Majoribanks, addressed the meeting, and the citi- foul pay, a search was started for terest in her. going from car to car in an effort to locate him. The husband, however, had been liberated in the meantime, after being held a prisoner for over an hour. A man passing on horseback heard his cries for help and notified Deputy Sheriff Felipe Trujillo, at San Jose, who went to the car and freed the imprisoned man, Majoribanks was almost out of his head and told Truillo an incoherent tale about the hold-up. Truillo was at first of the unanimous opinion that active opinion that Majoribanks was a luna- and energetic steps should be tic, but finally believed his story and taken at once to discover the quickly organized a posse of men and man who wrote and mailed the began search for the perpetrators of letters and that he be brought to the horrible crime. Today posses are speedy justice, so that such prompt scouring every inch of ground in a action on the part of the citizens radius of ten miles of Albuquerque, might serve as a lesson to all such

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DIVORCE SUIT

ine Clemmone Gould was granted a toxicants and used bad language separation and \$36,000 alimony annually, from her husband. Howard that she had been friendly with Dus-Gould, by Judge Dowling this morn- the Farnum, the actor, because she ing at the close of her sensational thought she wanted to go back on the divorce hearing.

Mrs. Gould brought suit for \$250,000 wanted Farnum to help her. annual alimony. She was on the absolutely every allegation made that case was at an end.

New York, June 25 .- Mrs. Kather-| she was addicted to the use of in-Under a question from Attorney Nicoll for Mr. Gould, she admitted stage when Gould left her and she

At the close of the testimony the stand almost to the last, and denied judge announced his decision and the

TAFT AND DIAZ PLAN

certainty concerning the time to be carnest desire to meet the other. The the letters, but it was desired wise devoted to his western trip, President meeting probably will take place at hy those present not to give out all Taft today said would stand in the ground that it will cement the ties be-now in the possession of the offi-way of completing arrangements for a meeting between him and President in regard to the proposed meeting but that this information abould be Dias of Mexico. The subject has will probably be reached in a few turned over to the proper United been brought to the attention of such days.

Washington, June 25.—Only the un-president and each has expressed an as to the identity of the writer of

MEETING OUTLINE PLAN OF ACTION

STIRRING SPEECHES MADE FIRED UPON HIS PURSUERS

REST AND CONVICTION OF GUILTY PARTIES

OUTRAGE NIPPED IN BUD

MATTER PLACED IN HANDS OF FEDERAL AUTHORITIES FOR UNRAVELING

Seventy-hve citizens were present last night at the meeting called by President Edwin B. Shaw, of the West side Commercial club, to discuss a method of ferreting out the writer of the anonymous and so-called mail to J. B. Mackel a few days ago, requesting him to cancel his lease to Lewis Brady, the colored More dead than alive Mrs. Majori- barber, who has his barber shop in gas, and also requesting Brady to leave town within ten days on threat of assassination.

Addresses were made on the situamero, Louis C. Ilfeld, District Attorney C. W. G Ward, Attorney Elmer E. Veeder and others. It was the threats contained in the letters gle. would never be carried out and that there was no such organization as a black hand society in the town of Las Vegas.

Object Lesson Necessary

Notwithstanding this. it was the anonymous letter writers that they cannot threaten a citizen of Las Vegas and the county of San Miguel, without an united effort being made on the part of the law abiding citizens to apprehend the gullty parties and to see that punishment is meted out

A committee consisting of five citizens of Las Vegas was appointed to double crime may never be told. The prepare proper resolutions to the United States postal authorities, asking their co-operation in endeavoring to discover the writer of the letters. Arrangements were made for the employment of extra police for a limited period, and the Las Vegas Commercial club, on motion, unanimously adopted, offered a reward of twentyfive dollars to be paid to any person or persons who will give information to the sheriff of this county or to the district attorney, which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party who sent the threatening letters to Mr. Mackel and Lewis Brady.

Certain Party Suspected

Other steps were taken by a committee, appointed by the meeting, in executive session, upon information which had come to the peace officers,

CITIZENS OF WEST SIDE IN MASS SWIFT RETRIBUTION METED OUT TO SLAYER OF WEALTHY WOMAN

REWARD IS OFFERED FOR AR. OFFICERS REPLIED WITH VOL LEY, RIDDLING VICTIM WITH BULLETS

TRAGEDY A SHOCKING ONE

MANUFACTURER MEETS HOR-RIBLE DEATH

St Michaels, Md., June 25 .- If Emmett E. Roberts, supposed newspaper correspondent, magazine writer and May Thompson Woodill, wife of Albert Woodill, the Los Angeles automoyesterday in the Black river, near here, he met swift retribution when he was shot and killed by a sheriff's posse at four o'clock this morning, near this city.

The body of Mrs. Woodill, who was with the skull crushed. She had come zens present, that the letters were Roberts. Roberts recenty bought a undoubtedly written by some resident farm near here and when his bungaand envy against Lewis Brady, that were found there, indicating a strug-

> This morning a sheriff's posse started in search of Roberts and Thompson, October 13, 1890. came upon a single boatman rowing in the darkness. The officers soon surrounded him and in a few moments Roberts stood up in the boat. The sheriff called upon him to give up, when he drew a revolver and fired at his pursuers. Instantly a volley was fired in return and Roberts fell dead. A search of his clothing revealed a number of letters and a bottle of polson. The body was brought oack to St. Michaels. Roberts did not utter a word after he

Death Seals Lips

Now that the lips of both victim and slayer are closed, the story of the night struggle in the bungalow on the banks of Chesapeake bay, of the efforts of the slayer to dispose of the body and the motive for the mystery of Mrs. Woodill's antecedents, her brilliant prospects, accomplishments, beauty and prominent social connections, and the brutal murder, itself, has created an intense sensation which was further heightened by the death of the man in whose company Mrs. Woodill was last seen.

was also known by the name of Robert E. Easonan. There is some question as to whether he was shot by the posse or committed suicide. Jealousy may have been the motive for the crime. It is not known how he met Mrs. Woodill, but it is believed both were smitten. A letter believed to have been written to his wife, was found in Roberts' pocket, giving instructions concerning his property. It was addressed to Mrs. Robert E.

SLAIN WOMAN HAD

the meteoric career of Mrs. Woodill are told here by her friends. Mrs. Wood-III is said to have been born in Min neapolis 20 years ago. Her mother calling herself Mrs. Ames, died when she was a girl three years old leaving her in ignorance of her parents.

Mrs. Charles H. Thompson, of Mc-Daniel, Md., then brought her up. When twelve years old she went to Washington, where she lived for a time with Lyman J. Gage, who took a great interest in her. Later Mrs. Thompson took I er abroad where she studied music. Returning to Poston she married

Dr. Edward Caswell, and afterwards left her husband. She left Baltimore a year ago, when engaged to Harry Adams, and within thirty days after her arrival in Los Angeles, she married Albert Woodill. During her residence in Baltimore, Mr. Gage sent thousand dollars when she married Woodfil.

She had a great charm for men and was very beautiful, expressive of face with a fine figure. She was very fond of Mr. Gage, whom she called "Papa" Gage. She was fond of fine clothes the influence of Mrs. Gage she sang before President McKinley at the White house.

Gage Deplores Scandal

San Diego, Cal., June 25. - When told of the dispatches from Baltimore, concerning the Woodill affair, Lyman author, was the slayer of Mrs. Edith J. Gage, former secretary of the treasury, scouted the facts of the murder as a basis for scandal. He said he met Mrs. Woodill when she was but a bile manufacturer, and the ward of girl in Washington, and had been Lyman J. Gage, former secretary of deeply attached to her ever since. the treasury, whose body was found When asked who her parents were he declined to make further statements.

Popular in Washington

Washington, June 25 .- Mrs. Woodill often a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gage, when the latter was secretary of the treasury, and often sang 20 years old, was found nude and for guests at the Gage Lome and och er first stop will be the British ensionally at the White House. She West Indies, where Ling will be areast for a visit to her father, Capt. wore short dresses then. Having no Charles H. Thompson. Her husband children of his own, Mr. Gage looked taken back to New York. went home a week ago. The woman upon the girl with unusual interest, was last seen with Roberts and when paid for her musical education and

Born in Minneapolia

NO IMMEDIATE RELIEF FROM HEAT ANTICIPATED

Washington, June 25 .- No hope for relief from the hot wave is seen by the weather bureau for three days yet. A slight moderation is predicted in the .astern part of the country Monday. It was a little cooler in the west today. Indications are that the thermometers will register 90 degrees here registered 99 degrees at noon.

SLAYER OF MISS ELSIE SIGEL ABOARD STEAMER BOUND FOR PACIFIC

CAPTURE CERTAIN

her checks continually, giving her five VESSEL SAILED FROM NORFOLK, VA., FOR SAN FRANCISCO, YESTERDAY

STOPS IN WEST INDIES

YOUNG WIFE OF AUTOMOBILE and was always well gowned. Through CHINESE MURDERER SIGNED AS MEMBER OF CREW ON HAWA-HAN BOAT

> Norfolk, Va., June 25 .- The Hawalian Steamahip company's steamer Arizonian, which sailed from Norfolk yesterday, bound for San Francisco, has Leon Ling, the murderer of Elsie Sigel, aboard. Ling signed as a member of a Chinese crew in New York on June 11 and left on the steamer for Lambert's Point on June 12, where she was yesterday finishing taking on coal for her trip to the Pacine coast. Ling was one of the three Chinese who signed as members of the crew of the Arizonian, which up was well remembered here. She was to this time has been plying between eastern ports and the Mexico coffee trade. She is now to run between rested, taken from the bost, and

Sent Fake Telegram

New York, June 25 .- The fact that a telegram was sent the parents of Miss Elsie Sigel, from Washington on the night of her disappearance, assur Minneapolis, June 25.- Anna Pearl ing them of her safety and promising of the town in a spirit of jealousy low was searched bloody garments Witz (Mrs Woodill), was born here an early return, by Leon Ling, the November 30, 1886. She was the young Chinese, whom the police laughter of Mathew Knight Witz and charge with her murder, was estabwas adopted by Charles and Laura lished today, by a detective who returned from Washington with the original telegram, which when compared with the writing of Ling, shows a similarity that is very marked.

> STANDARD REDUCES PRICE OIL WHOLE 10 CENTS

New York, June 25.-The Standard Oll company today announced a reduction in the price of all of ten cents per hundred gallens, making refined oil in cases \$10.80; tanks \$4.90; today. The down town thermometers standard white \$8,40 and refined oil at Philadelphia \$8,35.

BACK TO THEIR RESERVATION

drawal of the appeal of the govern-ing them.

Phoenix, Ariz., June 25 .- A number | ment from the decision of the district of renegade Navajo Indians who have court. The Indians were arrested on been held as prisoners at Fort Hua-chuca for two years, will be liberated The decision holds that as no state of and returned to their reservation at war exists the war department once, following an order of the su-cannot keep the Indians prisoners, but Roberts 19 little known here. He preme court of the territory handed can only exercise the rights given by down yesterday, permitting the with congress in disciplining and punish-

HAND TO DISTIL

olutions adopted by Louisville com- adopted result tions against state wide Thursday, Kentucky has opened its dreds from many smaller Kentucky A METEORIC CAREER doors to the liquor interests of the cities and the most prominent men Md. June 25. The billing United States. Particularly were lavi- have poured into the business men's oday of Finnet B Roberts of St. tations sont to these prohibition clubs, andersing the resolutions and Michael's, marks the culmination of states of the south, which will have pledging themselves to see that local one of the most sensational tracedies to move cut shortly, notably Tenness option is not extended to the entire in Maryland's history. Some acts in see, which goes dry July 1. Isoth the otale.

Louisville, June 25.—Through res | Commercial club and Board of Trade mercial organizations Wednesday and prohibition. Telegrams by the hun-